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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-005954  
Request No. 1425283  
MWH:EMY

**VIA: Email**

Dear Paul Galante:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records "relating to or mentioning a liaison program between the FBI and American Motors Corporation" and case file 80-DE-1202. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search for records.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the FBI's action on your request. By letter dated June 26, 2019, the FBI released to you one page of responsive records in full and twenty-eight pages in part. I have determined that the FBI's response was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for responsive records subject to the FOIA.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the

action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

9/17/2019

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Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for  
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Signed by: MATTHEW HURD